



The Voter

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Our many voter service efforts are finally over and now we await the election returns. A review of our voter service activities and the people who made them happen are detailed inside this publication and the numbers are terrific!!! Many, many thanks to all of you who volunteered. It's an old cliché but so true....we couldn't have done it without you.

We're the League of Women Voters of Arapahoe County
and we approve this message

Tuesday, November 4, 2012

Fall back: Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

ELECTION DAY

Friday, November 9, 2012

LWVAC Discussion Group @ 10am
Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine
Streets of Southglenn, Centennial

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Veterans Day

Monday, November 12, 2012

LWVAC Management Team Retreat
10 a.m. @ Marlu's House,
5441 S. Hickory St., Littleton

Thursday, November 15, 2012

LWVAC Lunch Bunch
11:30 a.m. @ Benedicts Restaurant
8181 E. Arapahoe Rd.
Across from Castlewood Library

Thursday, November 22, 2012

Thanksgiving

Monday, November 26, 2012

Management Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. @ Southglenn Library
6972 S. Vine St.. Streets of SGN

Thursday, November 29, 2012

LWVAC program for members
The 2012 Election: What Happened? What's Ahead?
6:30 p.m. @ Koelbel Library
5955 S. Holly, Centennial

Wednesday, December 2012

LWVAC Holiday Party

DON'T MISS OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM

In the spirit of the election and to pique your interest in our all member/public program on the 2012 election, here's some questions. More inside.

- ▶ **How much money was spent during the 2012 election? Includes money funded by the candidates, their campaigns, and the Super PACs.**
- ▶ **Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties were said to be the bellwether counties for Colorado. Did their votes affect the state's presidential election results?**
- ▶ **Who was this election's soccer moms?**
- ▶ **What trends will dominate the political and electoral landscape in the next four years and beyond?**

NOVEMBER PROGRAM



ELECTION 2012

THE 2012 ELECTION WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S AHEAD?

On Wednesday, November 7, voters across the county will know who will represent them in the White House, the Congress, and their state governments. What they may not know, however, are the factors that contributed to the candidate's success, why they were significant, and what messages and issues resonated with the voters?

For an in-depth analysis of what happened, and a look at what the next four years will bring, you're invited to participate in a special program on the aftermath of the 2012 election. The program will include a demographic breakdown of who voted, the influence of various voting blocks, the effect of money and campaign messages, the factors impacting these results, and what issues dominated the overall campaign.

A panel of experts will also discuss these factors and give us "crystal ball" look at what they see as the important issues and policies that will dominate the political landscape the next four years and beyond. The panel will include:

Seth Masket, Chair, University of Denver Political Science Department

Fred Brown, Political Analyst for 9News; former Denver Post State Capitol Bureau Chief

Clarissa Arellano, Political Analyst, Univision-Colorado & RMPBS Colorado State of Mind Government Affairs, Pikes Peak Association of Realtors.

**Thursday, November 29, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Koelbel Library, 5955 S. Holly Street
Centennial**



Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Arapahoe County & the Arapahoe Library District. Free & open to the public, but registration is required. Call the Library, 303-532-7279.

VOTER SERVICE WRAP UP

Voter Registration

Lead by Marilyn Ayers, LWVAC Voter Registration Coordinator, LWVAC conducted 22 voter registration programs from March 16 through October 5, 2012. Registered 540 voters at various sites, including the Children's Hospital Disability students from Aurora Public Schools, the Sheridan Resource Center for Spanish speakers, the Aurora and Arapahoe Community Colleges, the parishioners of two Catholic churches, an alternative high school, and at the Aurora Public Library for National Voter Registration Day. The latter event was televised by Fox 13 News.

LWVAC volunteers also talked about League's voter registration program with students at Highlands Ranch High School and Marilyn Ayers was interviewed on Colorado Public Radio.

Members who helped register voters included Denise Aiello, Justine Compo, Ellen Belef, Barbara Barlow, Helen Swem, Chris Angle, Marlu Burkamp, Kathleen Head, Fern Black, Monique Hea, Jeannette Albersheim, Belinda Hamilton, Charlotte Adgle, Beverly Balter, Sonya Pennock, Nan Shannon, Jean Trombley, Charlotte Faris, Wanda Ramey, Hilari and Sheralyn Bell, Keith Ayers, Gerry Cummins, Mary Ann McCoy, and Barbara Shannon Bannister.

Candidate Forums

Implemented by Karen Hart, Voter Services Chair, six candidate forums were sponsored by LWVAC. They included forums for the 18th District Judicial candidates, the Douglas County Commissioner District #2 At Large candidates, the RTD District E candidates, the Arapahoe County Commissioner District #3 candidates and the RTD District H candidates, and the Colorado Senate District #26 candidates and Colorado House District #3 candidates.

Special thanks to all who helped at the forums, including Janice Green, Jo Ann Feder, Judy Dearasaugh, Barbara Barlow, Wanda Ramey, Ellen Belef, Fern Black, Justine Compo, Monique Hea, Vicki Harimon, Irma Johnson and Alice Ramsey. I know there were more, but apologize for not remembering.

Ballot Issue Presentations

The ten-member LWVAC Volunteer Speaker Corps presented 17 ballot issue presentations to numerous church groups, members of retirement facilities, AAUW, Littleton Rotary, and two blind and limited sight organizations. LWVAC member, Maggie Markey also talked to a Littleton group about the American Constitution.

Over 4,000 ballot pamphlets were distributed to area libraries, the clerks at all county and city governmental offices, Arapahoe Community College, Douglas and Arapahoe Clerk and Recorder offices, and at voter registration events, all candidate forums and, ballot presentations.

Approximately 250 Spanish language pamphlets were distributed to the Aurora Central library, the Sheridan libraries and Arapahoe County organizations serving the Spanish speaking communities.

LWVAC volunteers included Jo Ann Feder, Vicki Harimon, Fay Plummer, Wanda Ramey, Mary Alyce Beherns, Fern Black, Barbara Barlow, Vicki Harimon, Karen Hart, Charlotte Faris, and Marlu Burkamp, Ballot Presentation Coordinator.

Vote411.Org

LWVAC developed and published a color postcard advertising the national election site and distributed an estimated 500 copies at all League special events, voter registrations, candidate forums, ballot presentations, and to government and county offices. Arapahoe County candidate information was also compiled and published on the site thanks to Karen Hart, Voter Services Coordinator.

Educational Program on Affordable Health Care

League Members Barbara Barlow and Marilyn Ayers sponsored a special educational meeting, October 12 to acquaint Douglas County residents with the details of the Affordable Health Care Act. Speaker was Bob Semro of the Bell Policy Center.

WHEW!

MEMBERSHIP BRIEFINGS

Welcome to new members Carolyn Brown and Jacqueline Murphy. Profiles will appear in the December issue.

Membership Renewals

We are indeed surprised and grateful for the initial response to our membership renewal drive. Factoring in the new members who joined late this summer and the renewals received during October, over half of our members have sent in their renewals. To those who have yet to responded, we hope you will continue your support. Lets make November our banner month.

Of the \$60 membership, the majority goes to the state and national Leagues. Only about \$12 stays with us, so your renewal is very important to continue providing the services we offer. And just to clear up some confusion, if you received a letter your membership is due. If not, don't worry. We have members joining at various times during the year and try to calculate their dues on different schedules.

Thanks to the members who have sent an addition contribution with their renewals. They include Carolyn Melphy and John Krumholz, Barbara Shannon Banister, Deb Armbruster, Monique Hea, Alice & Rudy Ramsey, Donna Willis, and Billie Day, a Washington D.C. League member, who donated to our cause.

LWVAC DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group will meet Friday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Southglenn Library, 6972 S. Vine St. in the Streets of Southglenn Shopping Center.

Topic: Syria—What is or should be the U.S's humanitarian role?

Open to all. For more information contact Monique Hea, heamph@hotmail.com or Vicki Harimon, vickiharimon@aol.com

LWVAC HOLIDAY PARY

The LWVAC Management Team is busy securing a place for the annual Holiday Party to be held during the first week in December.



The annual event is the time for new and prospective members to enjoy holiday treats and meet and mingle with fellow League members. League provides the beverages; members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. So watch your email. An announcement will be sent very soon.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LWVAC LUNCH BUNCH



It's been a while but now that the election activities are over, it's time to take a few minutes to sit back, relax and talk about whatever's on your mind at the November lunch bunch.

This popular program began two years ago as a way for League members to learn more about each other and to socialize outside of League's more serious activities. There's no reservations- all you have to do is show up, order your lunch (or just a cup of coffee) and enjoy the conversation.

So please join us Thursday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Benedict's Restaurant, 8181 E. Arapahoe Rd. across from Castlewood Library.

NEW LWVAC WEB SITE DESIGN

Our LWVAC web site has a new look!

The organization that hosts our site and controls the design and format, upgraded the site October 27, 2012 and notified us that day of the changes.

Basically the redesign was done to make the site look more like the LWVUS web site so people visiting our site will recognize that we are the same organization.

No words have been changed or removed, but they may have been moved to a new place, so we're reviewing the site to see how everything fits.

Check it out: www.lwvarapahoe.org

MANAGEMENT TEAM RETREAT

The LWVAC Management Team will hold a mini retreat to evaluate the League's unit meeting structure, the latest voter service efforts, and membership practices, Monday, November 12 at 10 a.m. at Marlu Burkamp's house, 5441 S. Hickory St., Littleton. A meeting report will be included in the December newsletter.

VETERANS DAY

On November 11, the United States honors all those who served in the United States Armed Forces with a celebration at Arlington Cemetery. The League of Women voters from around the country join together at this time to show our gratitude towards those who served at great sacrifice to keep our democracy safe.

MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES



The LWVAC Management Team reviewed the committee reports and agreed to hold a mini retreat to discuss the League's unit meeting structure and other items. Team members also discussed the voter service stats and commended the involvement of the league members. Plans for the December holiday party and the November program were reviewed as was a discussion on partisanship and the importance of being able to discuss controversial issues while still maintaining our non-partisan posture.



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Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Join Us

Join the League to help make your community a strong safe and vibrant place to live. Help shape the important issues that affect you and your family.

Memberships are \$60 per individual; \$85 for households and \$25 for students. For more information call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466
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